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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6

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1. FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR MALMGREN'S TALKS IN LONDON
(REFTEL), ECONCOMMIN TELEPHONED SIR MAX BROWN
(SECRETARY FOR TRADE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND
INDUSTRY) ON JANUARY 29 TO REVIEW AGAIN THE MAIN
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ISSUES IN THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ECONCOMMIN NOTED THAT THE ITALIANS HAVE BEEN SHOWING SOME FLEXIBILITY ON CITRUS AND TOBACCO. IF THEY INDICATE AT NEXT WEEK'S ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE MEETING THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO GO BEYOND THE COMMUNITY'S DECEMBER OFFER, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SOME OTHER MEMBER STATE MAKE A POSITIVE MOVE AS WELL. AN UNSUPPORTED ITALIAN GESTURE MIGHT NOT OVERCOME THE GENERAL RELUCTANCE TO CONTINUING THE NEGOTIATIONS. ECONCOMMIN SAID THAT A POSITIVE MOVE AT THIS STAGE BY THE BRITISH IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (ON TRUCKS, FOR EXAMPLE, EXCAVATING EQUIPMENT, NON-AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS) COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ECONCOMMIN ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING OUT AGREED LANGUAGE ON GRAINS. HE TOLD SIR MAX THAT WHEN AMBASSADOR MALMGREN HAD MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY ON JANUARY 25, HE HAD DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE HISTORY OF OUR APPROACH TO THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. THUS, AMB. MALMGREN'S PRESENTATION HAD NOT ONLY STRESSED NEED FOR BRITISH TO MOVE ON ITEMS IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, BUT HAD ALSO SHOWN CLEARLY WHY THE GRAINS PROBLEM IS SO CENTRAL. ECONCOMMIN SUGGESTED THAT SIR MAX GET CBI'S FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THIS MEETING AND READ IT CAREFULLY. SIR MAX SAID HE WOULD DO SO.

4. SIR MAX ALSO SAID HE BELIEVED IT ESSENTIAL THAT US MAKE CLEAR RECORD IN BRUSSELS EXPLAINING CLEARLY WHY US FELT IT HAD EQUITABLE CASE FOR ENLARGED EC OFFER. MERELY STRESSING INTERNAL US POLITICAL PROBLEMS WOULD NOT TURN EC MEMBER COUNTRIES AROUND. HE FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT WE HAD TO MAKE CONVINCING CASE THAT EC REALLY DID OWE US SOMETHING AND SHOULD THEREFORE ENLARGE ITS OFFER. THIS SENSE OF US HAVING REAL CLAIM WAS NOT UNDERSTOOD AT POLITICAL LEVEL IN EC COUNTRIES AND, HE THOUGHT, COULD ONLY BE CREATED BY CONVINCING US PRESENTATION OF JUSTIFICATION ITS CASE.

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